# BYLAWS OF FIELDS OF NICHOLSON OWNERS ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I Introductory Provisions

- 1.1. <u>Applicability</u>. These Bylaws provide for the governance of the Fields of Nicholson Owners Association (the "Association") pursuant to the requirements of Section 5306 of the Pennsylvania Uniform Planned Community Act, 68 Pa. P.S.A. Section 5101 <u>et seq</u>. (the "Act") with respect to the Planned Community created by the recording of the Declaration of Planned Community of Fields of Nicholson Planned Community among the land records of Allegheny County (the "Declaration").
- 1.2. <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings specified for such terms in the Declaration to which these Bylaws pertain or, if not defined therein, the meanings specified or used for such terms in the Act.
- 1.3. <u>Compliance</u>. Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, every Unit Owner and all persons entitled to occupy a Unit shall comply with these Bylaws.
- 1.4. Office. The office of the Planned Community, the Association, and the Executive Board shall be located at the Property or at such other place as may be designated from time to time by the Executive Board.
- 1.5. Incorporation of Statutory Law. Except as expressly provided herein, in the Declaration, or in the Act, the Association shall be governed by the provisions of the Non-profit Corporation Law of 1988 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 15 Pa. C.S. §5101 et seq., as it may be amended from time to time (the "Corporation Law"). The "Board of Directors" described therein shall be referred to herein and in the Declaration as the "Executive Board".

### ARTICLE II The Association

2.1. <u>Composition</u>. The Association is hereby organized on the date hereof as an incorporated association. The Association shall consist of all of the Unit Owners acting as a group in accordance with the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws. The Association shall have the responsibility of administering the Planned Community, establishing the means and methods of collecting assessments and charges, arranging for the management of the Association and performing all of the other acts that may be required or permitted to be performed by the Association pursuant to the Act and the Declaration. The foregoing responsibilities shall be performed by the Executive Board as more particularly set forth in these Bylaws.

- 2.2. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The annual meetings of the Association shall be held on the third Monday of September of each year unless such date shall occur on a holiday, in which event the meetings shall be held on the succeeding Monday. At such annual meetings the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot of the Unit Owners in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.3 of these Bylaws, subject to Declarant's rights as set forth in Article XX (Declarant's Appointment of Executive Board members) of the Declaration and such other business as may properly come before the meeting may be transacted.
- 2.3. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. Meetings of the Association shall be held at the principal office of the Association or at such other suitable place convenient to the Unit Owners as may be designated by the Executive Board.

#### 2.4. Special Meetings.

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- 2.4.1. The President shall call a special meeting of the Association if so directed by resolution of the Executive Board or upon a petition signed and presented to the Secretary by Unit Owners entitled to cast at least twenty-five percent of the votes in the Association. The notice of any special meeting shall state the time, place and purpose thereof. Such meeting shall be held within forty-five days after receipt by the President of such resolution or petition; provided, however, if the purpose includes the consideration of the rejection of a budget or capital expenditure pursuant to Section 5.8 below, such meeting shall be held within fifteen days after receipt by the President of such resolution or petition. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting except as stated in the notice.
- 2.4.2. Within sixty days after conveyance of 25% of the Units which may be created to Unit Owners other than the Declarant, a special meeting of the Association shall be held at which at least one member and not less than one of the three members of the Executive Board designated by the Declarant shall resign (such members to be selected by the Declarant), and the Unit Owners, excluding the Declarant as a Unit Owner, shall thereupon elect a successor member of the Executive Board to act in the place and stead of each member resigning. Such successor members shall serve until the annual meeting of the Association following the meeting at which they were elected.
- 2.4.3. Not later than the date by which all Declarant appointed members of the Executive Board must resign pursuant to Article XX of the Declaration, a special meeting of the Association shall be held at which all of the members of the Executive Board shall resign, and the Unit Owners, including the Declarant if the Declarant owns one or more Units, shall thereupon elect successor members of the Executive Board to act in the place and stead of those resigning.
- 2.4.4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any meeting required pursuant to Sections 2.4.2 and 2.4.3 above could be held on the date an annual meeting of the Association is scheduled, then such meeting(s) shall be held concurrently with such annual meeting.
- 2.5. <u>Notice of Meetings</u>. The Secretary shall give to each Unit Owner a notice of each annual or regularly-scheduled meeting of the Association at least ten but not more than sixty days, and of each special meeting of the Unit Owners at least ten but not more than

forty-five days, prior to such meeting, stating the time, place and purpose thereof, including, without limitation, any proposed budget or assessment changes, the general nature of any proposed amendment to the Bylaws or Declaration, and any proposal to remove an Executive Board member or Officer. The giving of a notice of meeting in the manner provided in this Section and Section 8.1 of these Bylaws shall be considered service of notice.

- 2.6. <u>Adjournment of Meetings</u>. If at any meeting of the Association a quorum is not present, Unit Owners entitled to cast a majority of the votes represented at such meeting may adjourn the meeting to a time not less than forty-eight hours after the time for which the original meeting was called.
- 2.7. <u>Voting</u>. Voting at all meetings of the Association shall be on a Percentage Interest basis. If the owner of a Unit is a corporation, joint venture, partnership or unincorporated association, the natural person who shall be entitled to cast the vote for such unit shall be the natural person named in a certificate executed by such entity pursuant to its governing documents. If the owner of a Unit is a trust, the trustee or trustees shall be deemed to be the owner for voting purposes.

Where the ownership of a Unit is in more than one Person, the Person who shall be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit shall be the natural person named in a certificate executed by all of the owners of such Unit and filed with the Secretary or, in the absence of such named person from the meeting, the natural person who shall be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit shall be the natural person owning such Unit who is present. If more than one of the multiple owners is present, then such vote shall be cast only in accordance with their unanimous agreement pursuant to Section 5310(a) of the Act. There shall be deemed to be unanimous agreement if any one of the multiple Owners casts the votes allocated to that Unit without protest being made promptly to the Person presiding over the meeting by any of the other Owners of the Unit. Such certificate shall be valid until revoked by a subsequent certificate similarly executed. Subject to the requirements of the Act, wherever the approval or disapproval of a Unit Owner is required by the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, such approval or disapproval shall be made only by the natural person who would be entitled to cast the vote of such Unit at any meeting of the Association. Except with respect to election of members of the Executive Board and except where a greater number is required by the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, the Owners of more than fifty percent of the aggregate votes in the Association voting in person or by proxy at one time at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present is required to adopt decisions at any meeting of the Association. In all elections for Executive Board members, those candidates for election receiving the greatest number of votes cast in such elections shall be elected. Except as set forth in Section 2.4.2, if the Declarant owns or holds title to one or more Units, the Declarant shall have the right at any meeting of the Association to cast the votes to which such Unit or Units are entitled. No votes allocated to a Unit owned by the Association may be cast. There shall be no cumulative or class voting except as provided in the Declaration.

2.8. <u>Proxies</u>. A vote may be cast in person or by proxy. If a Unit is owned by more than one Person, each owner of the Unit may vote or register protest to the casting of votes by the other Owners of the Unit through a duly executed proxy. Such proxy may be granted by any Unit Owner in favor of only another Unit Owner, a holder of a mortgage on a Unit or the Declarant. Proxies shall be duly executed in writing, shall be valid only for the particular

meeting designated therein and must be filed with the Secretary before the appointed time of the meeting. Such proxy shall be deemed revoked only upon actual receipt by the Person presiding over the meeting of written notice of revocation from the grantor(s) of the proxy. No proxy shall be valid for a period in excess of one year after the execution thereof. A proxy is void if it is not dated or purports to be revocable without notice.

- 2.9. Quorum. Except as set forth below, the presence in person or by proxy of Unit Owners of twenty percent or more of the aggregate votes at the commencement of all meetings shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the Unit Owners Association. If a meeting is adjourned pursuant to Section 2.6 above, the quorum at such second meeting shall be deemed present throughout any meeting of the Association if persons entitled to cast ten percent of the votes which may be cast for the election of the Executive Board are present in person or by proxy at the beginning of the meeting.
- 2.10. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President (or in the President's absence, one of the vice-presidents) shall preside over all meetings of the Association, and the Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meeting and record in a minute book all resolutions adopted at the meeting as well as a record of all transactions occurring thereat. The President may appoint a person to serve as parliamentarian at any meeting of the Association. The then current edition of Robert's Rules of order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of the Association when not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act. All votes shall be tallied by tellers appointed by the President.

### ARTICLE III Executive Board

- 3.1. <u>Number and Qualification</u>. The affairs of the Association shall be governed by an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be composed of three natural persons, all of whom shall be Unit Owners or designees of the Declarant.
- 3.2. <u>Delegation of Powers; Managing Agent</u>. The Executive Board may employ for the Association a "Managing Agent" at a compensation established by the Executive Board. The Managing Agent shall perform such duties and services as the Executive Board shall authorize, including, but not limited to, all of the duties listed in the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws; provided, however, where a managing Agent does not have the power to act under the Act, the Declaration or these Bylaws, such duties shall be performed as advisory to the Executive Board. The Executive Board may delegate to the Managing Agent all of the powers granted to the Executive Board by the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws other than the following powers:
- 3.2.1. to adopt the annual budget and any amendment thereto or to assess any Common Expenses including special allocations and capital assessments;
  - 3.2.2. to adopt, repeal or amend Rules and Regulations,
  - 3.2.3. to designate signatories on Association bank accounts;
  - 3.2.4. to borrow money on behalf of the Association;

- 3.2.5. to acquire and mortgage Units;
- 3.2.6. to designate Limited Common Elements or Limited Controlled Facilities;
- 3.2.7. to allocate Limited Common Elements or Limited Controlled Facilities.

Any contract with the Managing Agent must provide that it may be terminated with cause on no more than thirty days, written notice and without cause on no more than ninety days, written notice. The term of any such contract may not exceed one year.

#### 3.3. Election and Term of office.

- 3.3.1. At the annual meeting of the Association, subject to Declarant's rights under Article XX of the Declaration, the election of members of the Executive Board shall be held. The term of office of any Executive Board member to be elected (except as set forth in Section[s] 2.4.2, 2.4.3 and 3.5 hereof) shall be fixed at one year. The members of the Executive Board shall hold office until the earlier to occur of the election of their respective successors or their death, adjudication of incompetency, removal, or resignation. An Executive Board member may serve an unlimited number of terms and may succeed himself.
- 3.3.2. Persons qualified to be members of the Executive Board may be nominated for election only as follows:
  - a. Any Unit Owner may submit to the Secretary at least thirty days before the meeting at which the election is to be held a nominating petition signed by Unit Owners owning at least ten Units in the aggregate, together with a statement that the person nominated is willing to serve on the Executive Board and a biographical sketch of the nominee. The Secretary shall mail or hand deliver the submitted items to every Unit Owner along with the notice of such meeting; and
  - b. Nominations may be submitted from the Floor at the meeting at which the election is held for each vacancy on the Executive Board.
- 3.4. Removal or Resignation of Members of the Executive Board. Except with respect to members designated by the Declarant, at any regular or special meeting of the Association duly called, any one or more of the members of the Executive Board may be removed with or without cause by Unit Owners entitled to cast a majority of all votes in the Association and a successor may then and there be elected to fill the vacancy thus created. Any Unit Owner proposing removal of a Board member shall give notice thereof to the Secretary. Any member whose removal has been proposed by a Unit Owner shall be given at least ten days, notice by the Secretary of the time, place and purpose of the meeting and shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting. A member of the Executive Board may resign at any time and shall be deemed to have resigned upon transfer of title to his Unit. The Declarant shall have the right to remove and replace any or all members appointed by the Declarant at any time

and from time to time until the required resignation date specified in Section XX of the Declaration.

- 3.5. <u>Vacancies</u>. Except as set forth in Section 3.4 above with respect to members appointed by the Declarant, vacancies in the Executive Board caused by any reason other than the removal of a member by a vote of Unit Owners shall be filled by a vote of a majority of the remaining members at a special meeting of the Executive Board held for such purpose promptly after the occurrence of any such vacancy, even though the members present at such meeting may constitute less than a quorum. Each person so elected shall be a member of the Executive Board for the remainder of the term of the member being replaced and until a successor shall be elected at the next annual meeting of the Association at which such seat is to be filled upon expiration of the term of his predecessor. In the case of multiple vacancies, the member receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected for the longest term.
- 3.6. Organization Meeting. The first meeting of the Executive Board following each annual meeting of the Association shall be held within ten days thereafter at such time and place as shall be fixed by the President (even if he is the outgoing President) at the meeting at which such Executive Board shall have been elected, and no notice shall be necessary to the newly elected members of the Executive Board in order legally to constitute such meeting, if a majority of the Executive Board members shall be present at such meeting.
- 3.7. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. Regular meetings of the Executive Board may be held at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by a majority of the members, but such meetings shall be held at least every four months during each fiscal year.
- 3.8. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President on at least three business days' notice to each member, given by mail or telecopy, which notice shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. Special meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the President or Secretary in like manner and on like notice on the written request of at least two members of the Executive Board.
- 3.9. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. Any member may at any time, in writing, waive notice of any meeting of the Executive Board, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Attendance by a member at any meeting of the Executive Board shall constitute a waiver of notice by him of the time, place and purpose of such meeting. If all members are present at any meeting of the Executive Board, no notice shall be required and any business may be transacted at such meeting.
- 3.10. Quorum of the Executive Board. At all meetings of the Executive Board a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the votes of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the decision of the Executive Board. If at any meeting of the Executive Board there shall be less than a quorum present, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time. At any such adjourned meeting at which a quorum is present, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting originally called may be transacted without further notice. One or more members of the Executive Board may participate in and be counted for quorum purposes at any meeting by means of conference telephone or similar

communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other.

- 3.11. <u>Compensation</u>. No member of the Executive Board shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such, but may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.
- 3.12. <u>Conduct of Meetings</u>. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Executive Board and the Secretary shall keep a minute book of the Executive Board meetings, recording therein all resolutions adopted by the Executive Board and a record of all transactions and proceedings occurring at such meetings. The then current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of the meetings of the Executive Board if and to the extent not in conflict with the Declaration, these Bylaws or the Act.
- 3.13. Action Without Meeting. Any action by the Executive Board required or permitted to be taken at any meeting may be taken without a meeting if all of the members of the Executive Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Any such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Board.
- 3.14. Validity of Contracts with Interested Executive Board Members. No contract or other transaction between the Association and one or more of its Executive Board members or between the Association and any corporation, firm or association in which one or more of the Executive Board members are directors or officers, or are financially interested, shall be void or voidable because such Executive Board member or members are present at any meeting of the Executive Board which authorized or approved the contract or transaction or because his or their votes are counted, if the circumstances specified in either of the following subparagraphs exists:
- 3.14.1. The fact that an Executive board member is also such a director or officer or has such financial interest is disclosed or known to the Executive Board and is noted in the minutes thereof, and the Executive Board authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction in good faith by a vote sufficient for the purpose without counting the vote or votes of such Executive Board member or members; or
- 3.14.2. The contract or transaction is made in good faith and is not unconscionable to the Association at the time it is authorized, approved or ratified.
- 3.15. <u>Inclusion of Interested Board Members in the Quorum</u>. Any Executive Board member holding such director or officer position or having such financial interest in another corporation, firm or association may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at a meeting of the Executive Board or a committee thereof which authorizes, approves or ratifies a contract or transaction of the type described in Section 3.14 hereof.

ARTICLE IV
Officers

- 4.1. <u>Designation</u>. The principal officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by the Executive Board. The Executive Board may appoint an assistant treasurer, assistant secretaries and such other officers as in its judgment may be necessary. The President or Vice President shall attend meetings of the Executive Board. Any officers may, but need not, be Unit Owners or members of the Executive Board. An officer other than the President may hold more than one office.
- 4.2. Election of Officers. The officers of the Association shall be elected annually by the Executive Board at the organization meeting of each new Board and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Board.
- 4.3. Removal of Officers. Upon the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of the Executive Board, any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, and a successor may be elected at any meeting of the Executive Board called for such purpose.
- 4.4. <u>President</u>. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association, preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board and have all of the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of president of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania including without limitation the power to appoint committees from among the Unit Owners from time to time as the President may in his discretion decide is appropriate to assist in the conduct of the affairs of the Association.
- 4.5. <u>Vice-President</u>. The Vice President shall take the place of the President and perform the duties of the President whenever the President shall be absent or unable to act. If neither the President nor the Vice President is able to act, the Executive Board shall appoint some member of the Executive Board to act in the place of the President, on an interim basis. The Vice President shall also perform such other duties as shall from time to time be delegated or assigned to the Vice President by the Executive Board or by the President.
- 4.6. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, have charge of such books and papers as the Executive Board may direct, maintain a register setting forth the place to which all notices to Unit Owners and holders of mortgages on any Units hereunder if notice thereto is required under the Declaration shall be delivered and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of secretary of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania. The Secretary shall, upon request, provide any Person, or cause to be provided to any Person entitled thereto written statements or certifications of the information required to be provided by the Association under the Act, the Declaration and Sections 5.6 and 5.11 below.
- 4.7. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the safekeeping of Association funds and securities, be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of account showing all receipts and disbursements, and for the preparation of all required financial data and be responsible for the deposit of all monies in the name of the Executive Board, the Association or the Managing Agent, in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Executive Board and, in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer of a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania.

- 4.8. Execution of Documents. All agreements, contracts, deeds, leases, checks and other instruments of the Association for expenditures or obligations in excess of \$5,000 shall be executed by any two officers of the Association. All such instruments for expenditures or obligations of \$5,000 or less may be executed by any one officer of the Association. The Board may, by resolution, waive the two-signature requirement.
- 4.9. <u>Compensation of Officers</u>. No officer who is also a member of the Executive Board shall receive any compensation from the Association for acting as such officer, but may be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in performing such officer's duties; provided, however, the Secretary and Treasurer may be compensated for their services if the Executive Board determines such compensation to be appropriate.

### ARTICLE V Common Expenses; Budgets

5.1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall be the calendar year unless otherwise determined by the Executive Board; provided, however, that the first fiscal year shall begin upon the recordation of the Declaration.

### 5.2. Preparation and Approval of Budget.

- 5.2.1. On or before the first day of November of each year (or sixty days before the beginning of the fiscal year if the fiscal year is other than the calendar year), the Executive Board shall adopt an annual budget for the Association containing an estimate of the total amount considered necessary to pay the cost of maintenance, management, operation, repair and replacement of the Common Elements and those parts of the Units as to which it is the responsibility of the Executive Board to maintain, repair and replace, and the cost of wages, materials, insurance premiums, services, supplies and other expenses that may be declared to be Common Expenses by the Act, the Declaration, these Bylaws or a resolution of the Association and which will be required during the ensuing fiscal year for the administration, operation, maintenance and repair of the Property and the rendering to the Unit Owners of all related services. Such budget shall also include such reasonable amounts as the Executive Board considers necessary to provide working capital, a general operating reserve and reserves for contingencies and replacements. The budget shall segregate General Common Expenses and Limited Common Expenses if and to the extent appropriate.
- 5.2.2. On or before the next succeeding fifth day of November (or fifty-five days before the beginning of the fiscal year if the fiscal year is other than the calendar year), the Executive Board shall make the budget available for inspection at the Association office and shall send to each Unit Owner a copy of the budget in a reasonably itemized form that sets forth the amount of the Common Expenses and sets forth special allocations by classes of Units. Such budget shall constitute the basis for determining each Unit Owner's assessments for General Common Expenses and Limited Expenses for the Association and shall automatically take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year for which it is adopted, subject to Section 5.8 below.
- 5.2.3. Within thirty days after the creation of Units on any Convertible Real Estate or on any Additional Real Estate or the expiration or elimination of any right of the

Declarant to withdraw Withdrawable Real Estate, the Executive Board if the budget has not allowed for such changes, may revise the budget to reflect changes in General Common Expenses and Limited Expenses resulting from such addition, conversion or expiration or termination of rights to withdraw Withdrawable Real Estate and to reflect the proportionate liability of all Units for General Common Expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year in which such events occur. The amount of assessments attributable to each Unit thereafter shall be the amount specified in the adjusted budget, until a new budget shall have been adopted by the Executive Board.

5.2.4. The Executive Board shall make reasonable efforts to meet the deadlines set forth above, but compliance with such deadlines shall not be a condition precedent to the effectiveness of any budget.

### 5.3. Assessment and Payment of Common Expenses.

- 5.3.1. Common Expenses. The Executive Board shall calculate the monthly assessments for Common Expenses against each Unit including those for special allocations based on the budget adopted by the Executive Board for the fiscal year in question and dividing the result by the number of payments in such fiscal year. Such assessments shall be deemed to have been adopted and assessed on an annual basis payable in equal installments, shall be due and payable on the first day of each month that has been set for payment of assessments and shall be a lien against each Unit Owner's Unit as provided in the Act and the Declaration. Within one hundred eighty days after the end of each fiscal year, the Executive Board shall prepare and deliver to each Unit Owner annual financial statements consisting of at least a balance sheet and a statement of revenues and expenses for the Association and if such financial statements are audited, reviewed or completed by an independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant, a copy of his report in the financial statements. Any net shortage with regard to Common Expenses, after application of such reserves as the Executive Board may determine is appropriate, may be assessed promptly against the Unit Owners equally except for shortages of special allocations, which shall be accessed pursuant to Section 5314 of the Act and Section 4.1(c) of the Declaration, payable in one or more monthly assessments, as the Executive Board may determine, or the Board may include the net shortage in the next years budget.
- 5.3.2. Reserves. The Executive Board shall build up and maintain reasonable reserves for working capital, operations, contingencies and replacements. Extraordinary expenditures not originally included in the annual budget which may become necessary during the year may be charged first against such reserves. If the reserves are deemed to be inadequate for any reason, including non-payment of any Unit Owner's assessments, the Executive Board may at any time levy further assessments for General Common Expense and/or Limited Common Expense which shall be assessed against the Unit Owners equally with regard to General Common Expenses except for special allocations (whichever is appropriate) and shall be payable in one or more monthly assessments as the Executive board may determine.
- 5.4. <u>Further Assessments</u>. The Executive Board shall serve notice on all Unit Owners of any further assessments pursuant to Sections 5.3.1 or 5.3.2 or otherwise as permitted or required by the Act, the Declaration and these Bylaws by a statement in writing giving the

amount and reasons therefore, and such further assessments shall, unless otherwise specified in the notice, become effective with the next monthly assessment which is due more than ten days after the delivery of such notice of further assessments. All Unit Owners so assessed shall be obligated to pay the amount of such assessments. Such assessments shall be a lien as of the effective date as set forth in the preceding Sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2.

- 5.5. <u>Initial Budget</u>. At or prior to the time assessment of Common Expenses commences, the Executive Board shall adopt the budget, as described in this Article, for the period commencing on the date the Executive Board determines that assessments shall begin and ending on the last day of the fiscal year during which such commencement date occurs. Assessments shall be levied and become a lien against the Unit Owners during such period as is provided in Section 5.3 above.
- 5.6. Delivery of Approved Budget and Notice of Capital Expenditure; Effect of Failure to Prepare or Adopt Budget. The Executive Board shall deliver to all Unit Owners copies of each budget approved by the Executive Board and notice of any capital expenditure approved by the Executive Board promptly after each such approval. The failure or delay of the Executive Board to prepare or adopt a budget for any fiscal year shall not constitute a waiver or release in any manner of a Unit Owner's obligation to pay such Unit Owner's share of the Common Expenses including special allocations as herein provided whenever the same shall be determined and, in the absence of any annual budget or adjusted budget, each Unit Owner shall continue to pay each assessment at the rate established for the previous fiscal year until the new annual or adjusted budget shall have been adopted.
- 5.7. Accounts; Audits. All sums collected by the Executive Board with respect to assessments against the Unit Owners or from any other source may be commingled into a single fund. All books and records of the Association shall be kept in accordance with good and accepted accounting practices, and the same shall be audited at least once each year by an independent accountant retained by the Executive Board.
- 5.8. Rejection of Budget; Limitations on Expenditures and Borrowing. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Association, by 75% vote of all votes in the Association and any class of members as to special allocations by 75% vote of that class, may reject any budget or capital expenditure approved by the Executive Board, within thirty days after approval by the Executive Board. The power of the Executive Board to expend funds, incur expenses or borrow money on behalf of the Association is subject to the requirement that the consent of Unit Owners entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes in the Association obtained at a meeting duly called and held for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, shall be required to expend funds or incur expenses that it is reasonably anticipated will cause the aggregate amount of all expenses in the budget (including reserves) to be exceeded by more than 20% of such aggregate amount after taking into account any projected increases in income, and (ii) to borrow money so that loans of the Association then outstanding would exceed 20% of such aggregate amount.
- 5.9. <u>Payment of Common Expenses</u>. Each Unit Owner shall pay the Common Expenses and special allocations and other assessments assessed by the Executive Board pursuant to the provisions of this Article V or the Declaration. No Unit Owner may exempt himself from liability for his contribution toward them by waiver of the use or enjoyment of

any of the Common Elements or by abandonment of his Unit. No Unit Owner shall be liable for the payment of any part of the Common Expenses and special allocations thereof assessed against his Unit subsequent to the date of recordation of a conveyance by him in fee of such Unit. The purchaser of a Unit shall be jointly and severally liable with the selling Unit Owner for all unpaid assessments against the latter for his proportionate share of the Common Expenses and all special allocations thereof up to the time of such recordation, without prejudice for the purchaser's right to recover from the selling Unit Owner amounts paid by the purchaser therefore; provided, however, that any such purchaser shall be entitled to a statement setting forth the amount of the unpaid assessments against the selling Unit Owner within five days following a written request therefore to the Executive Board or Managing Agent and such purchaser shall not be liable for, nor shall the Unit conveyed be subject to a lien for, any unpaid assessments with respect to the time period covered by such statement, in excess of the amount therein set forth.

- 5.10. Collection of Assessments. The Executive Board or the Managing Agent, at the request of the Executive Board, shall take prompt action to collect any assessments for Common Expenses or special allocations or other sums due from any Unit Owner which remain unpaid for more than thirty days from the due date for payment thereof. Any assessment or other charge not paid within five days after its due date shall accrue a late charge in the amount of five percent of the overdue amount in addition to interest at the rate of fifteen percent per annum or such other rate as may be determined by the Executive Board.
- 5.11. Statement of Common Expenses. The Executive Board shall promptly provide any Unit Owner, contact purchaser or proposed mortgagee so requesting the same in writing with a written statement of all unpaid assessments for Common Expenses and capital or special assessments due from such Unit Owner. The Executive Board may impose a reasonable charge for the preparation of such statement to cover the cost of its preparation, to the extent permitted by the Act.

### ARTICLE VI Compliance and Default

- 6.1. Relief. Each Unit Owner shall be governed by, and shall comply with, all of the terms of Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations and the Act, as any of the same may be amended from time to time. In addition to the remedies provided in the Act and the Declaration, a default by a Unit Owner shall entitle the Association, acting through its Executive Board or through the Managing Agent, to the following relief:
- 6.1.1. Additional Liability. Each Unit Owner shall be liable for the expense of all maintenance, repair or replacement rendered necessary by his act, neglect or carelessness or the act, neglect or carelessness of his tenants, guests, invitees or licensees. Such liability shall include any increase in insurance premiums occasioned by improper use, misuse, occupancy or abandonment of any Units or its appurtenances. Nothing contained herein, however, shall be construed as modifying any waiver by any insurance company of its rights of subrogation.

- 6.1.2. <u>Costs and Attorney's Fees</u>. In any proceeding arising out of any alleged default by a Unit Owner, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover the costs of such proceeding and such reasonable attorney's fees as may be determined by the court.
- 6.1.3. No Waiver of Rights. The failure of the Association, the Executive Board or of a Unit Owner to enforce any right, provision, covenant or condition which may be granted by the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Executive Board Rules and Regulations or the Act shall not constitute a waiver of the right of the Association, the Executive Board or the Unit Owner to enforce such right, provision, covenant or condition in the future. All rights, remedies and privileges granted to the Association, the Executive Board, or any Unit Owner pursuant to any term, provision, covenant or condition of the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or the Act shall be deemed to be cumulative and the exercise of any one or more thereof shall not be deemed to constitute an election of remedies, nor shall it preclude the party exercising the same from exercising such other privileges as may be granted to such party by the Declaration, these Bylaws, the Rules and Regulations or the Act or at law or in equity.
- 6.1.4. Abating and Enjoining Violations by Unit Owners. The violation of any of the Executive Board Rules and Regulations adopted by the Executive Board, the breach of any Bylaw contained herein or the breach of any provision of the Declaration or the Act shall give the Executive Board the right, in addition to any other rights: (a) to enter the Unit in which, or as to which, such violation or breach exists and summarily to abate and remove, at the expense of the defaulting Unit Owner, any structure, thing or condition that may exist therein contrary to the intent and meaning of the provisions hereof, and the Executive Board shall not thereby be deemed guilty in any manner of trespass; or (b) to enjoin, abate or remedy by appropriate legal proceedings, either at law or in equity, the continuance of any such breach.

### ARTICLE VII Amendments

7.1. Amendments to Bylaws. These Bylaws may be modified or amended only by vote of Unit Owners entitled to cast a majority of the votes in the Association, except as otherwise expressly set forth herein or in the Act; provided, however, that until the date on which all Declarant-appointed Board members voluntarily resign or are required to resign pursuant to Article XX of the Declaration, (i) Section 2.4, (ii) Section 3.1, and (iii) this Section 7.1 may not be amended without the consent in writing of the Declarant. Additionally, if any amendment is necessary in the judgment of the Executive Board to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provision of these Bylaws that is defective, missing or inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or with the Act or the Declaration, or if such amendment is necessary to conform to the requirements of the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation with respect to planned community projects, then at any time and from time to time the Executive Board may effect an appropriate corrective amendment without the approval of the Unit Owners or the holders of any liens on all or any part of the Property, upon receipt by the Executive Board of an opinion from independent legal counsel to the effect that the proposed amendment is permitted by the terms of this sentence.

- 7.2. Approval of Mortgagees. To the extent these Bylaws contain provisions concerning various rights and interests of record holders of mortgages on Units, such provisions in these Bylaws are to be construed as covenants for the protection of such holders on which they may rely in making loans secured by such mortgages. Accordingly, no amendment or modification of these Bylaws impairing or affecting such rights, priorities, remedies or interests of such a holder shall be adopted without the prior written consent of such holders who have registered an address with the Secretary.
- 7.3. <u>Amendments to the Declaration</u>. Any two officers or Executive Board members of the Association may prepare, execute, certify and record amendments to the Declaration on behalf of the Association.

### ARTICLE VIII Miscellaneous

- 8.1. Notices. All notices, demands, bills, statements or other communications under these Bylaws shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if delivered personally or if sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt, postage prepaid (or otherwise as the Act may permit), (i) if to a Unit Owner, at the single address which the Unit Owner shall designate in writing and file with the Secretary or, if no such address is designated, at the address of the Unit of such Owner, or (ii) if to the Association, the Executive Board or to the Managing Agent, at the principal office of the managing Agent or at such other address as shall be designated by notice in writing to the Unit Owners pursuant to this Section. If a Unit is owned by more than one Person, each such Person who so designates a single address in writing to the Secretary shall be entitled to receive all notices hereunder.
- 8.2. <u>Captions</u>. The captions herein are inserted only as a matter of convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit or describe the scope of these Bylaws or the intent of any provision thereof.
- 8.3. Gender. The use of the masculine gender in these Bylaws shall be deemed to include the feminine and neuter genders and the use of the singular shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa, whenever the context so requires.
- 8.4. <u>Conflicts</u>. In the event of any conflict between the Declaration and the By-Laws, the Declaration shall prevail.

### FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE

#### FIELDS OF NICHOLSON OWNERS ASSOCIATION

This Amendment is made this 24th day of September, 2013.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2005, the Fields of Nicholson Owners Association, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation with a registered office address of 12300 Perry Highway, Suite 211, Wexford, Pennsylvania, 15090 (hereinafter "Association") adopted certain By-Laws;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 7.1, said By-Laws may be modified or amended at a regular or special meeting by an affirmative vote of Unit Owners entitled to cast majority of the votes in the Association in person or by proxy;

WHEREAS, the Association desires to amend the By-Laws;

NOW THEREFORE, Article III of the By-Laws is amended as follows:

- 1. By deleting Section 3.01 and 3.3.1 in its entirety and substituting in its place the following:
- 3.01 Number, Term and Vacancies. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Board, each Director of whom shall have one equal vote. The Directors shall be Unit Owners of the Association as defined, provided, however, no two (2) Directors from the same household may serve on the Board at the same time. Each Director shall be at least twentyone years of age. Upon termination of the period of Declarant control in accordance with the Declaration, the number of Unit Owners of the Board shall be a maximum of three (3) Directors. Upon transfer, all Directors shall be elected by the Unit Owners. At the meeting for the purpose of amending these By-Laws, the Members shall elect two (2) Directors for a term of two (2) years and one (1) Director for a term of one (1) year. The initial terms of office shall be determined and assigned solely at the discretion of the elected Directors at a meeting of the Executive Board for such purpose held within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the amendment. At the expiration of the initial term of office of each respective Board member, Directors shall be elected (except as set forth in Section 3.5 hereof) and serve for a term of three (3) years. Each Director elected by the Unit Owners shall take office upon election and shall hold office until their successors have been elected or until such Directors earlier death, adjudication of incompetency, resignation or removal. Directors may be elected to any number of consecutive terms and may succeed himself or herself.

3.3.1 (Reserved)

3.15 <u>Effect of Presence.</u> Any Director present at any meeting of the Executive Board shall deemed to have assented to any action taken at such meeting unless his/her dissent is entered in the minutes or unless his written dissent is filed with the Secretary at or immediately following the adjournment thereof, provided that no Director may dissent from any action for which he/she voted at the voting.

Except as provided for herein, the By-Laws shall continue in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive Board of the Fields of Nicholson Owners

Association have caused the Amendment to the By-Laws to be executed this 24th day of September, 2013. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Director Thomas Reilly - Director David Steinbach - Director COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SS: , 2013 before me, a Notary Public, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Thomas Reilly, Jerry Rogers and David Steinbach Board Members of the Fields of Nicholson Owners Association, known to me, (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes therein contained. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania **NOTARIAL SEAL** Robert F Pasko, Notary Public

City of Wexford, Allegheny County My Commission Expires Feb. 11, 2016

### **AFFIDAVIT**

We, being duly sworn according to law, depose and say, the following,

- 1. We Thomas Reilly, Jerry Rogers and David Steinbach are Board Members of the Fields of Nicholson Owners Association.
- 2. At a meeting of the Unit Owners that took place on September 23, 2013, Unit Owners in person or by proxy of a quorum of the membership voted in favor of amending Article III of the By-Laws for Fields of Nicholson Owners Association as set forth herein.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Thomas Reilly - Director

David Steinbach - Director

## SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS OF FIELDS OF NICHOLSON OWNERS ASSOCIATION

This Second Amendment to the E	By-Laws of the Fields	of Nicholson Owners
Association (hereinafter the "Association	") is made on this	of August, 2019.

WHEREAS, it is established by Article VII, Section 7.1 of the By-Laws that the By-laws may be amended by the Executive Board of the Association to correct or supplement any provisions of the By-Laws that is "missing or inconsistent with any provision...(of) the Act..." being the Uniform Planned Community Act; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Legislature has enacted Act 17 of 2018, amending 68 Pa.C.S. § 5321, Alternative Dispute Resolution in planned communities, and the Executive Board wishes to incorporate Alternative Dispute Resolution procedures into the By-Laws; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board wishes to adopt this Alternative Dispute Resolution provision of the Act enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature; and

WHEREAS, such amendment to the By-Laws by the Executive Board is subject to the condition that the Board must obtain the opinion of independent counsel that the proposed amendment meets the criteria of the law and provision of the By-Laws allowing such amendment, which opinion has been obtained and is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

THEREFORE, by a vote of a majority of the Executive Board members present at a meeting duly called for such purpose, the Association amends the By-Laws as follows:

Article IX of the By-Laws is added as follows:

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### Alternative Dispute Resolution

Any dispute between two or more Unit Owners or between a Unit Owner and the Association, except an action to collect assessments, fines and/or legal fees by the Association in accordance with the Declaration of Planned Community of Fields of Nicholson Planned Community, as amended, shall be submitted to a mediator selected by the Executive Board for resolution. All costs and fees associated with mediation, excluding attorneys' fees, shall be assessed equally between all parties to a dispute. Should a Unit Owner seek mediation, their rights to pursue a private cause of action or seek other relief thereafter will not be affected or impaired.

If a Unit Owner in Good Standing (being a Unit Owner whose assessments are current, who owes no outstanding fines or fees to the Association, and who is in compliance with all governing documents and Rules and Regulations) has exhausted alternative dispute resolution procedures without a resolution, or at least 100 days have passed since the Unit Owner initiated the alternative dispute resolution procedure without a resolution being reached, the Unit Owner may file a complaint with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney

General to resolve those items set forth in § 5322 of the Act, being a violation by the association
of UPCA Sections 5308 (relating to meetings), 5309 (relating to quorums) and 5310 (relating to
voting; proxies).

Except as provided herein, all other provisions of the By-Laws are to remain in full force and effect.

Association, by a vote of a majorit	ty of the Executive caused the above	ard of the Fields of Nicholson Owner or Board members present at a me or Second Amendment to the By-Law or 2019.	eting
SECRETARY:			
PRESIDENT:			
Anthony Ryzinski			

This Third Amendment to the By-Laws of the Fields of Nicholson Owners Association (hereinafter the "Association") is made this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Association, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation with a registered office address of 12300 Perry Highway, Suite 211, Wexford, Pennsylvania, 15090 (hereinafter "Association") adopted the First Amendment to the By-Laws by adopting a new Section 3.01 in its entirety;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 7.1, the By-Laws of the Association may be modified or amended at a regular or special meeting by an affirmative vote of a quorum of the Unit Owners entitled to cast a majority of the votes in the Association in person or by proxy at such meeting;

WHEREAS, the Association desires to further amend Section 3.01 of the By-Laws.

NOW THEREFORE, Section 3.01 of the By-Laws is deleted in its entirety and in its place the following is substituted:

**3.01** Number, Term and Vacancies. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Board, each Director of whom shall have one equal vote. The Directors shall be Unit Owners of the Association as defined, provided, however, no two (2) Directors from the same household may serve on the Board at the same time. Each Director shall be at least twenty-one years of age. The number of Directors shall be three (3).

The Executive Board shall be divided into three classes with staggered terms. The term of the first Director class expires at the first annual meeting of the Association after adoption of this Third Amendment to these By-Laws, and the term of the second Director class expires at the second annual meeting of the Association after adoption of this Third Amendment to these Bylaws, and the term of the third Director class expires at the third annual meeting of the Association. Thereafter, one (1) Director shall be elected to hold office for a full term of three (3) years. Any increase or decrease in the number of Directors shall be apportioned among the classes as nearly equal in number as possible.

Each Director elected by the Unit Owners shall take office upon elections and shall hold office until their successors have been elected or until such Directors earlier death, adjudication of incompetency, resignation or removal. Directors may be elected to any number of consecutive terms and may succeed himself or herself.

Note: This Amendment passed unanimously at Annual Meeting held on September 19, 2022 with the required quorum present.